

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application in condition for allowance.

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-13 are pending. Claims 1 and 5, which are independent, are hereby amended. No new matter is introduced by these amendments. Support for these amendments is provided at least on page 14, lines 12-17 of the Specification as originally filed.

It is submitted that these claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. The amendments and remarks herein are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 or 112; but rather the amendments and remarks are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, FIRST PARAGRAPH

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims recite subject matter of the invention.

The limitation "wherein said display control means controls a picture projected by said display means based on said display control signal generated and output from said control device corresponding to said supplementary identification information appended to input data input through said input/output means to identify said projection apparatus." is described at least on page 14, lines 12-17 of the Specification.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 112, first paragraph rejection are respectfully requested.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are definite.

The limitation "wherein said display control means controls a picture projected by said display means based on said display control signal generated and output from said control device corresponding to said supplementary identification information appended to input data input through said input/output means to identify said projection apparatus." is described at least on page 14, lines 12-17 of the Specification as explained above.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 112, second paragraph rejection are respectfully requested.

IV. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-8, 10-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,880,745 to Miichi et al. (hereinafter, merely "Miichi") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,272,644 to Urade et al. (hereinafter, merely "Urade"). Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Miichi in view of Urade and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,682,181 to Nguyen et al. (hereinafter, merely "Nguyen").

V. RESPONSE TO 35 U.S.C. §103 REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“...input/output means connected to the control device and adapted for generating display control signals controlling said display means, said input/output means being further connectable to at least one external peripheral equipment to input/output data pertaining to supplementary identification information appended to input data; and

wherein said display control means controls a picture projected by said display means based on said display control signal generated and output from said control device corresponding to supplementary identification information appended to input data input through said input/output means to identify said projection apparatus.”(emphasis added)

As understood by Applicant, Miichi relates to a liquid crystal projection apparatus where visual control of an image can be directly carried out. A remote control signal transmitted from a remote controller is converted to a mouse signal or a keyboard signal corresponding to a personal computer connected with a main body.

As understood by Applicant, Urade relates to a USB hub controlled by a microcontroller that sends a suspend request to the microcontroller from the USB hub; sends a stop clock request from the microcontroller to the USB hub in response to the suspend request and stops the USB hub controller clock in response to the suspend request.

It is respectfully submitted that Miichi and Urade, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the above-recited features of amended independent claim 1. Specifically, the Office Action concedes that Miichi fails to disclose or suggest the input/output means recited in claim 1. Applicant submits that the disclosure in Miichi of identification of a personal computer (15) on the basis of the horizontal (H) and vertical (V) signals inputted from the personal

computer does not teach or suggest supplementary identification information appended to input data, as recited in claim 1.

For reasons similar or somewhat similar to those described above with regard to claim 1, amended independent claim 5 is also believed to be distinguishable from the combination of Miichi and Urade.

Applicant submits that Nguyen fails to provide any disclosure that would remedy the deficiencies of Miichi and Urade.

VI. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims, discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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